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## ***Jersey City Free Library to Make Budget Cuts Pearsall Branch to Close Its Doors & Main Library to Reduce Hours***

**JERSEY CITY** – The Jersey City Free Public Library announces the closing of the Pearsall branch on February 28, 2010 in an effort to reduce spending. The closure will save approximately \$154,999.00 annually.

“The current state of the economy is unfortunate,” said **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**. “In search of ways to reduce spending, the closure of this branch – which is in great disrepair – is a necessary, but unfortunate action. We are encouraging residents in the area to utilize the newly renovated Greenville Branch Library.”

Statewide, many library systems are anticipating cutbacks, reduced hours and branch closings in response to the recession. The Main Library and ten branches, as well as the Bookmobile, will remain open.

The Pearsall Branch, located at 104 Pearsall Branch, is also a small library (approximately 2,100 sq. ft.) that is also part of a church and circulation is low compared to other branches of comparable size.

The Jersey City Free Public Library not only rents the space, but also absorbs the upkeep and the monthly utilities payments of the building.

The Pearsall Branch is close in proximity to the newly renovated **Greenville Branch, 1841 Kennedy Blvd.**, which is approximately 1 mile driving distance and the **Glenn D. Cunningham Branch, 275 Martin Luther king Drive**, which is a relatively new regional branch within driving distance of 1.79 miles. Renovations to the Greenville Branch Library were approximately \$4 million.

The **Bookmobile** will be available **every other Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., 104 Pearsall Avenue** in front of Pearsall Branch, Blue Route, **starting February 17, 2010.**

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Additionally, the **Main Library** will be reducing hours. The proposed new hours for the Main Library, located on 472 Jersey Avenue, will commence on **Monday, March 01, 2010** and will be as followed:

Mondays	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursdays	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fridays	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For additional information, please call the Jersey City Free Public Library 201-547-4500 or visit [www.jclibrary.org](http://www.jclibrary.org). To reach the Bookmobile call 201-547-5666.

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